

**Re: SB 1089 An Act Concerning Mental Health Services**

My name is Mary Thompson and I am certified in the state on CT as a Behavior Analyst. Currently, I work as a behavioral consultant to classrooms for children with special needs in the Eastern part of the state. I am writing this letter in support of licensure for behavior analysts.

Licensure for behavior analyst will benefit not only behavior analysts in the state but also the clients we serve every day. As a behavior analyst, licensure will allow for us to work independently without stepping on the toes of people in other practices such as school psychologist.

For our clients there will be an increase in consumer protection as well as a way to regulate the practices of applied behavior analysis.

I support licensure of behavior analysts in CT. Thank you for considering my comments on this issue,

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